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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 4 with the following paragraph:

This application is related to the following commonly-owned co-pending patent

applications: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING SEPARATELY CHANGEABLE VALUE AND MODIFIER BONUS SCHEME," Serial No. 09/626,045, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-010; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A BONUS ROUND WITH MULTIPLE RANDOM AWARD GENERATION AND MULTIPLE RETURN/RISK SCENARIOS," Serial No. 09/678,989, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-020; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING AN AWARD EXCHANGE BONUS ROUND AND METHOD FOR REVEALING AWARD EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES," Serial No. 09/689,510, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-140: "GAMING DEVICE HAVING GRADUATING AWARD EXCHANGE SEQUENCE

WITH A TEASE CONSOLATION SEQUENCE AND AN INITIAL QUALIFYING

SEQUENCE," Serial No. 09/680,601, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-142; "GAMING